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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith are the following:

[1] Amendment (including Marked-Up Claims)

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Applicants' representative hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to and including october 8, 2002, for filing a response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed herein to cover the appropriate three-month extension fee for filing this amendment. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of fees, to our deposit account no. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 18) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2002. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (on transmittal) and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

1 (Thrice Amended). An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes at 65°C in hybridization buffer consisting essentially of 3.5 x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrolidone, 0.02% Bovine Serum Albumin, 2.5mM NaH₂PO₄(pH7), 0.5% SDS, 2mM EDTA, to a molecule consisting of the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1 and which codes for a polypeptide that binds the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor and downregulates its expression,
- (b) nucleic acid molecules that differ from the nucleic acid molecules of (a) in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, and
 - (c) complements of (a) or (b).

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